

The following section features attorneys who have demonstrated leadership qualities and have achieved the AV Preferred rating by Martindale-Hubbell®.

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## THOMAS G. SAMPSON

### PERSONAL INJURY, WRONGFUL DEATH, MEDICAL MALPRACTICE

Thomas G. Sampson is the Managing Partner of Thomas Kennedy Sampson & Tompkins, LLP, which is the oldest minority-owned and operated firm in Georgia. He has practiced law for 50 years, building a national trial practice and reputation in the fields of personal injury, wrongful death and medical malpractice litigation. Sampson has been listed in every published edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* since 1993, and Sampson has blazed trails for minorities in his profession. He has represented the City of Atlanta, the State of Georgia, and Fortune 500® Companies in major litigation, and has prosecuted catastrophic injury cases resulting in several then record-setting, seven-figure verdicts.

In 2006, Mr. Sampson was honored by his Alma Mater, Morehouse College, by being named the recipient of the coveted Bennie Trailblazer Award. In 2017 Mr. Sampson received the Tradition of Excellence Award from the State Bar of Georgia.



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Adam Malone continues to advance the Tradition of Excellence he and his father, Thomas W. "Tommy" Malone, began together more than 20 years ago and which his father and grandfather began more than 50 years ago.

Built upon a history of record-setting verdicts, Malone Law skillfully pursues justice for those who have been severely injured or killed by the carelessness of others, whether those tragic losses occurred on the highway, in the hospital, or elsewhere.

Making history and leading the way is nothing new for Malone Law. The firm's innovative handling of civil cases has played a key role in protecting the right to trial by jury, improving the way managed care companies operate in Georgia, as well as the development of cutting edge trial techniques for medical negligence and trucking accident cases. Adam's exemplary trial skills and ability to simplify the most complex matters result in numerous seven and eight figure recoveries every year. "We are inspired daily to give no less than our best to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we represent and hopefully this makes a difference for everyone," says Adam Malone.

Adam is a nationally known trial lawyer, and AV Preeminent® rated by Martindale-Hubbell. He is selected annually for inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America and Super Lawyers – where for the past four years Adam was voted one of the Top 10 Super Lawyers in Georgia. Adam is frequently invited to teach and share his trial knowledge and experience to organizations across the country.

Adam's skillful handling of trucking accident and medical negligence cases, with record-setting results have driven the firm's reputation for excellence. "One of the highest compliments we receive is being invited to associate with our colleagues on their cases." Malone Law is often invited by other lawyers on referral or for trial. "We view referring lawyers as collaborators, not competitors – so our co-counsel arrangements pursuant to state bar rules are among the most generous anywhere," says Adam Malone. "We would love to work with you."



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## STEVEN E. WOLFE

Steve Wolfe has devoted his entire career to employee rights. He represents working people from all walks of life, from entry level to CEO, and throughout the private and public sectors.

For over fifteen years, Mr. Wolfe has represented individuals injured by employers' discrimination, harassment, and retaliation. He represents plaintiffs in collective actions for unpaid overtime wages. He also represents executives in severance negotiations. He has appeared on the Daily Report's On The Rise list (2014), holds an AV-Preeminent rating from Martindale-Hubbe, and has been a Super Lawyer or Rising Star every year since becoming eligible.

Mr. Wolfe is a founding member of Legare Attwood & Wolfe, LLC, which specializes in employee rights work. He is a past president of the National Employment Lawyers Association's Georgia affiliate and a current board member with the Atlanta Bar Association's Labor & Employment Section. He is also a member of the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation annual campaign steering committee.



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## ANNE TYLER HALL

Anne Tyler Hall is founder and Managing Partner of Hall Benefits Law, LLC, a boutique ERISA law firm, and Inc. 5000 company serving clients in 34 states. Founded in 2013, HBL achieved more than \$71 million in penalty avoidance and abatement for business clients nationwide since January of 2018. Under Hall's leadership, HBL has been the nation's fastest-growing boutique ERISA law firm three years running, and in 2020 the Firm added an Employment Law practice to provide complementary services to its ERISA clients. In 2021, the Firm broke through and joined the top half of the Inc. 5000, a testament to its growing client base and the trust benefits service providers put in HBL when they regularly refer plan sponsor clients to the HBL team.

In 2021 HBL opened its first satellite office in Wayne, Pennsylvania, a suburb of Philadelphia, adding Partner Tim Kennedy to its leadership team. As its client base grows, HBL remains committed to relationship-driven guidance for clients large and small. In 2020 the Firm has onboarded clients ranging from small businesses to large, publicly traded companies, assisting with benefits in mergers and acquisitions, ESOPs, executive compensation, health and welfare benefits, and retirement plan legal compliance.

HBL's mission is to stand at the forefront of ERISA and employment law compliance by providing the highest quality guidance and responsiveness in the country. HBL's preeminent team of attorneys, strengthened by the Firm's collaborative and supportive culture, will efficiently identify, and mitigate client liabilities. HBL also maintains a culture of, and a commitment to, professional growth for all employees. Structured mentoring and support allows the Firm to provide truly collaborative legal services from a team unified by its focus on holistic and complementary legal representation.



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**2** 021 has been a great year for Pritchard Injury Firm, a plaintiff's firm established by Managing Attorney Zach Pritchard. Mr. Pritchard and his team of 7 (and growing) are based out of Cartersville, Georgia with another office in Canton, and soon-to-be Dalton and Atlanta.

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2021 was also a year of "giving back" to the community of Bartow County. Mr. Pritchard and his wife participated in Cartersville Dances with the Stars in March and raised \$50,000 for the Good Neighbor Homeless Shelter in Cartersville, Georgia.



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## JAMES NEUBERGER

An experienced trial lawyer, James Neuberger is the founder of Neuberger Law, LLC, a personal injury litigation firm in Atlanta. After spending a decade defending insurance companies, he now focuses his practice on protecting plaintiffs' rights in complex personal injury claims and lawsuits arising out of motor vehicle collisions. Mr. Neuberger handles cases with serious injuries; such as head injuries, broken bones, and spinal injuries that require surgery. He also helps spouses, parents, and children who have lost family members due to the wrongful conduct of drunk drivers or incompetent tractor-trailer drivers.

Other attorneys refer cases to Mr. Neuberger because of his reputation for leaving no stone unturned during litigation, and his intense scrutiny of all evidence in complex cases. "I enjoy the challenge of assessing the facts and testimony in a case, anticipating what a defense attorney will do, and then finding countermeasures," said Mr. Neuberger. "Presenting a case in the right way starts early on. I spend a significant amount of time before any deposition framing questions to prevent a defense witness from misleading the jury with false statements or half-truths. When I ask the right question in the right way, a witness cannot run from the truth."

Mr. Neuberger graduated from the University of Illinois, where he also received a commercial pilot license. Looking for a change of scenery, Mr. Neuberger moved to Georgia in 1993 and enrolled at the Emory University School of Law. After law school, Mr. Neuberger landed at a medium sized defense firm where he learned his trade from top-notch lawyers. He also helps spouses, parents, and children who have lost family members because of drunk drivers or reckless tractor-trailer drivers.



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Charles M. Dalziel, Jr. is a leading non-compete/non-solicitation/non-disclosure agreement attorney located in Marietta, GA. He brings 41 years experience to such matters, experience forged in a large firm environment, two medium sized firms where he was actively involved in leadership and managing employees while actively litigating employment matters for both employers and employees, and now, as a sole practitioner, as Dalziel Law Firm. Dalziel Law Firm can provide clients exceptional resources and expertise in contract drafting, negotiation, and advocacy in court mediation or arbitration at economical rates. Clients who hire Dalziel Law Firm, hire Dalziel. In this day and age, how unique is that? Metro area attorneys are wise to hire Dalziel as local counsel in Cobb County cases. <https://www.dalziellawfirm.com/>

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With more than 25 years of legal experience, Lloyd Bell has built a sterling courtroom record and recovered over \$100 million for medical malpractice victims throughout the State of Georgia. Bell began his legal career in the early '90s serving as a U.S. Army JAG Corps officer. After working for several large defense firms, Bell founded Bell Law Firm in 1999, and since that time, has been consistently recognized as one of the top trial attorneys in Georgia. In 2018, Bell Law Firm was recognized as Personal Injury Litigation Team of the Year by Daily Report, the leading source of legal news in Georgia. In 2019, Bell was named as the second-ever Georgia attorney to join the Inner Circle of Advocates, an elite, invitation-only group of the nation's top plaintiff lawyers.

A member of the Melvin M. Belli Society and Board Certified by the American Board of Professional Liability Attorneys – Medical Malpractice, Lloyd Bell is a leader in the creative and innovative use of trial technology, which has contributed to his record jury verdicts. Bell makes extensive use of demonstratives and digital tools that illustrate human anatomy and help bring clarity to often complex issues involving medical malpractice. Bell's seamless integration of technology makes him one of Georgia's most formidable trial attorneys.

In fact, over the past seven years, Bell won more seven- and eight-figure verdicts for his clients in medical malpractice cases than any other attorney in the state of Georgia, including a \$15 million verdict against a large Atlanta hospital group in 2016 and a record-breaking \$26 million verdict against a Columbus hospital in 2017.

Bell has been included on Atlanta Magazine's prestigious Super Lawyers list every year since 2005, and for the past five years, he has been recognized on the Super Lawyers "Top 100 Lawyers in Georgia." Bell is one of the few personal injury lawyers in Georgia to be selected as "Legal Elite" by Georgia Trend Magazine, an honor he has received every year since 2015.

Bell is passionate about patient advocacy and in 2020 launched his podcast series "Face the Jury" as a tool to help inform the public of the issues surrounding medical malpractice in America. "Face the Jury" is accessible wherever you listen to podcasts. You can also subscribe to the series at [podcast.belllawfirm.com](http://podcast.belllawfirm.com).



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**K**urt R. Hilbert is the founder and Managing Member of The Hilbert Law Firm, LLC and ADR Georgia LLC. A certified mediator, seasoned litigator and expert witness in several GA cases involving real property, Mr. Hilbert considers himself a counselor and advocate and he has crafted a practice that focuses on constitutional, business and contract litigation, all aspects of real estate litigation, and employment litigation matters in both state and federal courts.

Mr. Hilbert specializes in analyzing complex matters and finding successful outcomes. Mr. Hilbert oversees all matters and cases at the firm to provide comprehensive customer service. He believes that each client's needs are unique and singular. Recent accolades include recognition as a SuperLawyer in 2020 & 2021, being voted "Best Attorney" by Family Life Publications Best of Life Awards 2017-2019; a 2021 Top 100 Civil Defense Litigators in the Country and continually rated by Martindale-Hubbe as an AV Preeminent Attorney. His success comes from his ability to maintain a flexible working environment that allows the Hilbert Law team to use their well-established foundation of knowledge to dissect the details of each unique matter, listen to each client's needs and create and implement a plan to accomplish the goals of each client.

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## Deborah S. Ebel

### FAMILY LAW

**D**eborah Ebel graduated Emory University School of Law in 1975, Order of the Coif, with High Distinction. Prior to law school, Deborah received an M.S.W. from the University of Michigan. From 1975-1985, Deborah was an attorney with the Atlanta Legal Aid Society where, among other matters, she led a team of lawyers in representing a nationwide class of Cuban refugees part of the well-known Mariel Boatlift. Instead of freedom, approximately 3,000 Mariel Cubans were indefinitely incarcerated in the Atlanta Federal Penitentiary. Through dozens of federal lawsuits against the Federal Department of Justice, Deborah's team ultimately achieved release of thousands of unjustly imprisoned Mariel Cubans. In 1985, Deborah was invited to become a member of Long & Aldridge as their first woman litigator. For 6 years, Deborah engaged in a wide variety of complex civil and business litigation. In around 1992, Deborah was asked by her firm to represent Evander Holyfield in his first divorce, an area of law in which she had never practiced. Deborah soon realized that family law enabled her to combine her skills as both a social worker and a lawyer. As she brought more and more family law cases to her firm, she began the first Family Law Department in a large Atlanta law firm. She continued to head McKenna, Long & Aldridge's Family Law Department over the next 22 years. As a family lawyer, she was a major participant in the creation of the Guardian ad Litem (GAL) Project in Fulton County, GA., in which lawyers were specially trained to represent the best interest of children in contested child custody cases. This concept quickly spread throughout the Atlanta area and to other parts of the State. In 2012, Deborah started her own family law boutique, a firm that represents clients in actions for divorce, separate maintenance, legitimation and paternity, custody, modifications of custody, visitation and/or support, child sexual abuse, and pre and post-nuptials, etc. She is also trained in Collaborative Law and Mediation. During Deborah's 46 years of practice, she has received numerous honors including: the American Bar Association's Anne Liechty Child Custody Award; the ACLU Bill of Rights Award; Atlanta Magazine Super Lawyers and top 50 Female Lawyers; Best Family Lawyer and Best GAL awarded by the AVL; Georgia Trend's Legal Elite, etc. Deborah currently serves on the Atlanta Lawyer Editorial Board and is a Master in the Bleckley Inn of Court.



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#### JOE A. WEEKS

Joe Weeks has practiced law since 1983, when he graduated, J.D. cum laude, from John Marshall Law School of Atlanta. From 1989 until 2009, he served as a Municipal Court Judge. He was selected as a Vice President of the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association, Regional Chairperson for the Georgia Civil Justice Foundation, Chairman of the General Practice and Trial Section of the State Bar of Georgia, and he is a regular lecturer at seminars for new and experienced lawyers across Georgia. In 2014, Joe received the Tradition of Excellence Award from the State Bar of Georgia. In 2018, Joe was recognized as one of Atlanta's outstanding lawyers by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

A trial lawyer, with more than two hundred jury verdicts, Joe Weeks is one of the most experienced and accomplished personal injury attorneys in Georgia. His vast trial experience includes representing doctors, insurance companies and financial institutions in civil cases as well as representing defendants in criminal cases. However, for over 30 years, his trial practice has focused on representing people who have suffered personal injuries.

"The most important aspect of my practice is preparation, beginning with the initial client meeting. While the big television advertising law firms sign up thousands of cases without personally meeting the client, I would never engage in such conduct. If a lawyer cannot take the time to meet with you, personally, and provide answers to any questions that you have, that lawyer will take other shortcuts while handling your case. This is not acceptable in my practice."

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Chris Balch has nearly 30 years of experience bridging gaps and building consensus so local government leaders can navigate complex legal matters, encourage economic development, and foster community investment. A veteran of the United States Marine Corps, where he was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal and the Good Conduct Medal, Chris brings the skills, discipline, and mission focus he learned to the challenges and opportunities your community faces.

Chris is a graduate of the University of Tennessee and Mercer University Law School. He clerked for United States District Judge Duross Fitzpatrick in the Middle District of Georgia for 2 years before entering private practice. He moved to Atlanta in 1996.

He is an acknowledged and sought-after expert and speaker at programs for local government lawyers across the Country. His legal scholarship regularly appears in professional journals. He has been a regular contributor to amicus briefs in the U.S. Supreme Court and Federal Courts of Appeal in support of the qualified immunity of officers when the law is not clear that what the officer is doing violates clearly established federal law. He is the only Georgia lawyer certified as a Local Government Fellow by the International Municipal Lawyers Association.

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Mr. Orlando is a Leader's Forum member of the American Association of Justice and has been peer-rated a "Top Rated Lawyer" in both Georgia and New Jersey 2011-2021. Mr. Orlando also has been peer-rated a Top 100 Trial Lawyer by the National Trial Lawyers Association 2010-2021. He is a member of the million and multimillion dollar advocates forum and is AV-Preeminent rated by Martindale-Hubbell. He has been selected as a Super Lawyer, 2019-2021. Mr. Orlando is a Champion member of the Georgia Trial Lawyers. Similarly, Mr. Orlando is a member of the New Jersey Association of Justice and is a NJAJ PAC member. Member: Mass Tort Trial Lawyers Association.



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Stephen D. Apolinsky is the founding member of Apolinsky & Associates, LLC, a preeminent personal injury law firm that successfully handles wrongful death and catastrophic injury cases in Georgia and Alabama. The firm’s founder Stephen has over 33 years of experience and has personally tried over 75 cases to verdict. The firm emphasizes compassion for our clients and their families while vigorously pursuing just and fair compensation. Mr. Apolinsky has been recognized as one of the Top 100 Trial Attorneys in Georgia, recognized by Lawyers of Distinction for excellence in personal injury law, recognized by Elite Lawyers for excellence in wrongful death cases, and has been included in Atlanta Magazine’s prestigious Super Lawyers for over 10 straight years. He is also the recipient of Premier Lawyers in America Lifetime Achievement for wrongful death litigation, and is AV Preeminent Martindale Hubbell rated which is the “highest possible rating in both legal ability and ethical standards reflecting the confidential opinions of members of the Bar and Judiciary.”

Mr. Apolinsky is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) because he possesses the “requisite skill, integrity and experience in the special art of advocacy.” Mr. Apolinsky has served on the Board of Directors for the DeKalb Bar Association, Leadership DeKalb and Inter Atlanta FC. He is a member of the Million and Multimillion Dollar Advocates Forum, a Champion Member of the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association, and is a member of the Atlanta Bar Association.



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Melody Swilling graduated from University of Georgia with a Bachelor’s Degree in 2005 and later graduating from Florida Coastal School of Law in 2008. She immediately began practicing law helping families who were struggling with housing and job instability through her bankruptcy practice. However, Melody knew she could help more Georgia families by transitioning to a family law practice, and did so exclusively in 2010 before founding her own law firm, Swilling Family Law Firm, LLC, in 2020. Melody is trained as a family law litigator, mediator, arbitrator and Guardian Ad Litem. Melody Swilling has also served on the Atlanta Bar Association’s Editorial Board and the Cobb County Family Law Section Leadership. Melody has presented to peers at seminars, and been published nationally for her leading insights into family law. She has been recognized as a 2018 Legal Elite attorney, and Best Family Law Attorney in North Fulton for 2021. She has experience with same sex family advocacy and complex custody cases. Melody has been recognized by peers as a strong advocate who offers child centered advice to clients.



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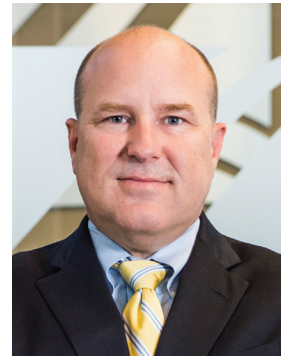
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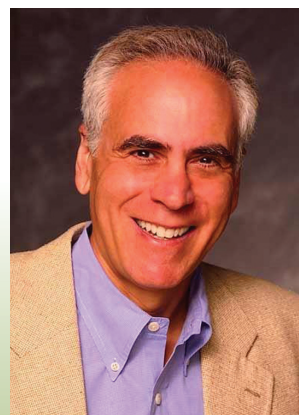
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He received his Master of Laws from Emory University and has taught for many years at the Emory Law School Trial Techniques Program. Larry has also taught at the Emory Law School Professionalism Program. He is AV rated® by Martindale-Hubbell since 1989, the highest lawyer rating. Larry has also been chosen by his peers as one of Georgia's Super Lawyers from 2009 through 2021. He is a member of the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association, Southern Trial Lawyers Association, and Old Warhorse Lawyers Club. Larry is also a past president of the Family Law Section of The Cobb County Bar Association.



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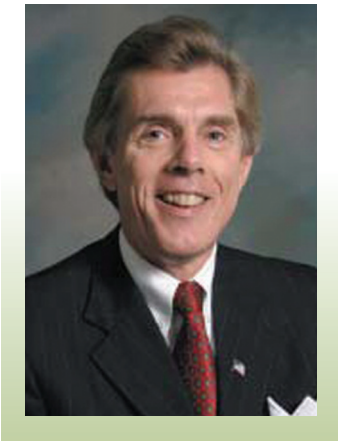
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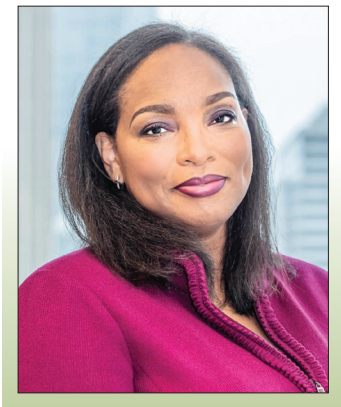
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